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## Easterling, Deborah

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2011 12:32 PM  
**To:** 'James Turner'  
**Subject:** RE: Duke Energy protest

Dear Mr. Turner,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Assistant

**From:** James Turner [<mailto:jmtdawg@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2011 4:47 PM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** Duke Energy protest

The attached form is sent to you as my protest of Duke's rate increase request.

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\* Required Fields

**Letter of Protest**  
**in Docket \* 2011 - 271 - E**

**Print**

**Email**

Date: \* September 06, 2011

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* James M Turner

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City, State Zip \* Simpsonville, South Carolina Phone \* 864-967-7775

E-mail jmtdawg@yahoo.com

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**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a long time customer of Duke Power and am now retired and living on a fixed income. This is no time to have an increase in our utility bills and especially one that is an outrageous 17%!!!! Duke Power recently reported over 400 million dollars in profit while my portfolio has been shrinking due to the economy.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

Duke Power's rate increase request comes at a very bad time when most people in this country including South Carolina are struggling to make ends meet. In fact, things may very well worsen before they get any better. I have had no increase in my Social Security check for almost 3 years now. A 17 % increase is clearly out of line with the reality that the current economy is in. In fact, any increase at this time would only add to the burden of an already "stretched" consumer. Duke Energy should not be granted any increase until the economy has healed and the average citizen is solidly on two feet again.

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***  
(This section should be completed.)

Due to location and distance, it would be unlikely for me to attend.